

houses at about 11 o'clock on the morning of January 27th.

Resolved further, That a telegram advising of this resolution be sent to Mr. Haynes at Washington City.

Signed—Carpenter of Dallas, Satterwhite.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Carter of Coke, the House, at 5:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

#### FOURTH DAY.

(Friday, January 12, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Abney.	Dunlap.
Amsler.	Dunn.
Arnold.	Durham.
Atkinson.	Edwards.
Avis.	Faubion.
Baker of Milam.	Fields.
Baker of Orange.	Finlay.
Barker.	Frnka.
Barrett.	Fugler.
Beasley.	Gipson.
Bell.	Green.
Bird.	Greer.
Blount.	Hardin of Erath.
Bobbitt.	Hardin
Bonham.	of Kaufman.
Bryant.	Harrington.
Cable.	Harris.
Carpenter	Henderson
of Dallas.	of Marion.
Carpenter	Henderson
of Matagorda.	of McLennan.
Carson.	Hendricks.
Carter of Coke.	Howeth.
Carter of Hays.	Hughes.
Coffee.	Hull.
Collins.	Irwin.
Covey.	Jacks.
Cowen.	Jennings.
Crawford.	Jones.
Culp.	Kemble.
Davenport.	Lackey.
Davis.	Laird.
DeBerry.	Lamb.
Dielmann.	Lane.
Dipkle.	LeMaster.
Dodd.	LeStourgeon.
Downs.	Lewis.
Driggers.	Loftin.
Duffey.	Looney.

Lusk.	Russell
McBride.	of Callahan.
McDaniel.	Russell of Trinity.
McDonald.	Sackett.
McFarlane.	Sanford.
McNatt.	Satterwhite.
Martin.	Shires.
Mathes.	Simpson.
Maxwell.	Smith.
Melson.	Sparkman.
Merriman.	Stell.
Merritt.	Stevens.
Miller.	Stewart
Montgomery.	of Edwards.
Moore.	Stewart of Jasper.
Morgan	Stewart of Reeves.
of Liberty.	Stiernberg.
Morgan	Storey.
of Robertson.	Strickland.
Pate.	Stroder.
Patman.	Sweet.
Patterson.	Teer.
Perdue.	Thompson.
Pinkston.	Thrasher.
Pool.	Turner.
Pope.	Vaughan.
Potter.	Wallace.
Price.	Wells.
Purl.	Westbrook.
Quaid.	Wessels.
Quinn.	Williamson.
Rice.	Wilmans.
Robinson.	Wilson.
Rogers.	Winfree.
Rountree.	Young.
Rowland.	

Absent.

Baldwin.	Houston.
Burmeister.	Johnson.
Chitwood.	Shearer.

Absent—Excused.

Brady.	McKean.
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A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Chitwood for today, on motion of Mr. Satterwhite.

Mr. Houston and Mr. Shearer until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Pope.

Mr. Burmeister until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Williamson.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read

severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Jacks:

H. B. No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the organization of the County Courts of Dallas County at Law, and judges thereof, and to secure uniformity therein, by prescribing that the County Court of Dallas County at Law shall be called the County Court of Dallas County at Law No. 1; by fixing an equal number of terms of said courts, and prescribing that they commence on alternate months; to authorize the judges thereof to hold court for or with another; to prescribe a uniform qualification for the judges; prescribe what fees they shall collect and how they shall be paid into the county treasury; to require the oath of office, and remove the requirement of official bonds for judges; to continue the term of the County Court of Dallas County No. 2; to conform to this act; to validate process thereof and of the County Court of Dallas County at Law, in conformity with this act; to repeal laws in conflict therewith, and to declare an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Potter:

H. B. No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4918a, 4918f, 4918g, 4918i, 4918j, Title 17, Chapter 10A, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1914, authorizing the incorporation of mutual hail insurance companies; regulating the business of said companies, providing for the investment of reserve fund; requiring annual reports; fixing fees to be paid by such companies; and declaring an emergency (Acts 1913, p. 40); enlarging the scope of business by authorizing such mutual companies to insure against loss or damage to growing crops caused by hail, windstorms, sandstorms, excessive rains, floods, drouth, boll worms, boll weevil, insects, winter kill, freeze or other menace of substantial existence; providing a method for mutual hail insurance companies now existing to amend their charters, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Jacks:

H. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the issuance of marriage licenses by county clerks, as provided under Article 4610, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,

and providing for the publication of applications to the said county clerk for marriage licenses applied for; and providing that the county clerk of any county, upon application to him for a marriage license, shall take the names and ages and addresses of the parties desiring to be united in such marriage and shall thereafter cause such names, ages and addresses of the parties applying for such marriage license to be published in a newspaper published in a county where such marriage license is applied for, at least four times at intervals of one week between such publication, charging therefor not over \$5.00; and that such clerk shall not issue such marriage license until such publication is completed, and that a copy of such publication, together with the certificate of the publishers certifying to the fact that such notice was published, together with the dates of such publication, shall be attached to the marriage license when issued, and that no persons authorized to celebrate the rites of matrimony under the existing statutes shall celebrate such marriage rites unless such certificate is so attached, and to declare an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Lamb:

H. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 157 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of Texas, so as to provide that the open season for killing wild doves shall be the months of December and January of each year, and so as to provide that it shall be unlawful for any person to kill more than the bag limit of fifteen wild doves in any one day, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Carpenter of Matagorda:

H. B. No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5714, Chapter 3, Title 87, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, providing rules as to notice of claims for damages, and adding thereto a provision changing the time in which suit may be filed; and dispensing with the necessity for notice in certain cases to conform to the Federal Interstate Commerce Act and the Federal Transportation Act of 1920, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Carpenter of Matagorda:

H. B. No. 69, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 708, Chapter 1, Title 20, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, providing that carriers cannot limit their responsibility as it exists at common law by adding thereto a provision making the carrier liable for the full, actual loss, damage or injury, and defining status of notice or knowledge of the purpose for which goods are being shipped, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Carpenter of Matagorda:

H. B. No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2178, Chapter 24, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, making attorney's fees recoverable in certain cases, by adding thereto a provision making the attorney's fees recoverable in certain suits for loss of, or damage to, express shipments, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Stewart:

H. B. No. 71, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate certain sales of certain public free school lands sold to purchasers by the State on September 22, 1905, January 8, 1906, and September 5, 1907, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

By Mr. Carpenter of Matagorda:

H. B. No. 72, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid Matagorda County Levee District No. 1 of Matagorda county, Texas, in repairing its protection levee, and constructing such other necessary works, so as to protect the inhabitants and property in said district from calamitous overflows by donating and granting to it the State ad valorem taxes and a part of the occupation and poll taxes collected on property and from persons in said district for a period of ten years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

By Mr. Rogers:

H. B. No. 73, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 3 of the laws enacted at the Special Session of the Legislature, September 21, 1920, entitled 'An Act authorizing cities of one hundred thousand population or more, situated along or upon navigable streams in the State of Texas, and owning and operating municipal wharves, docks or warehouses, for the development of commerce, to appoint pilot boards for their respective duties, and granting such cities exclusive jurisdiction over the pilotage of boats between the Gulf of Mexico and their respective port and prescribing the qualifications for such pilot boards; granting such city councils or boards of commissioners the right and power and authority to retain in office or remove any branch or deputy pilot to office at the time this act takes effect, and to appoint, suspend or remove from office any or all deputy pilots, prohibiting any member of such pilot board from being directly or indirectly interested in the towing business, or any pilot boat, or in any other business directly or indirectly affected by or connected with his duties as such commissioners of pilots, granting such cities the right, power and authority to fix the rates of pilotage and all needful regulations thereof compatible with Federal regulations within the limits of their respective ports, and declaring an emergency.'"

Referred to Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

By Mr. Bryant:

H. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the purpose of raising revenue to defray the general expenses of the State Government by providing for a tax on the income of persons, corporations, joint stock companies or associations in the State of Texas; classifying and graduating incomes for the purpose of taxation; providing for exemptions and deductions in certain cases; prescribing of assessing and collecting said tax; prescribing penalties for non-conformance with the provisions of this act and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Carpenter of Matagorda:

H. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Freeport Inde-

pendent School District in Brazoria County, Texas; defining its boundaries including the Freeport School District; providing for a board of trustees in said district, conferring upon said district and its boards of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof, providing that the present board of trustees continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms; providing that the board of trustees of said district may levy, assess and collect taxes for the year 1923 and for future years, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. McFarlane and Mr. Loftin:

H. B. No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Ninety-second Judicial District, to be composed of the counties of Young, Archer and Clay, and fixing the terms of said court; providing for the appointment of a district judge; providing that the Thirtieth Judicial District, now composed of the counties of Young, Archer, Clay and Wichita, shall hereafter be composed of Wichita county alone, and fixing the terms of the Thirtieth Judicial District; providing for officers of the court and preserving the status of cases and proceedings, and providing that the county attorney of the respective counties within said Ninety-second District shall perform the duties of district attorney in their counties, as well as the duties now performed by them, and providing fees of office, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Jones:

H. B. No. 77, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2239, Chapter 1, Title 40 of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to provide that the county judge and each commissioner shall take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, and shall also take an oath that he will not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract with or claim against the county in which he resides except such warrants as may issue to him as fees of office, and providing that said oath shall be in writing, and filed and recorded in the office of the county clerk, and providing that each commissioner shall ex-

ecute a bond with two or more sureties to be approved by the judge of the county court in the sum of \$3,000, payable to the treasurer of his county conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and further conditioned that said commissioner will pay over to his county all moneys illegally paid to him out of county funds as voluntary payments or otherwise, and that he will not vote or give his consent to pay out county funds except for lawful purposes, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Jones:

H. B. No. 78, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7121, Chapter 1, Title 123, of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to provide that every person elected to the office of sheriff shall give bond to be approved by the commissioners court for such sum as may be directed by such court not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$30,000, payable to the Governor and his successors in office, conditioned that he will account for and pay over to the persons authorized by law to receive the same, all fines, forfeitures and penalties that he may collect for the use of the State or any county, and that he will well and truly execute and due return make of all process and precepts to him lawfully directed and pay over all sums of money collected by him by virtue of any such process or precepts to the persons to whom the same are due or their lawful attorney, and that he will faithfully perform all duties as may be required of him by law, and conditioned that he will pay over to his county all moneys illegally paid to him out of county funds as voluntary payments or otherwise, and providing that said sheriff shall also take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, and providing what shall be done with said bond, and providing that said bond shall not be void on first recovery, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Jones:

H. B. No. 79, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1747, Chapter 2, Title 35, of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to provide that the county clerk shall execute a bond in a sum to be fixed by the commissioners court not less than \$2000 nor more than \$10,000, conditioned for the safe-keeping of the records, and the faithful discharge

of the duties of his office, and further conditioned that he will pay over to his county all moneys illegally paid to him out of county funds as voluntary payments or otherwise, and providing that said clerk shall take and subscribe to the oath of office required by the Constitution and that said bond and oath shall be recorded in the county clerk's office and deposited in the office of the district clerk; and providing that a certified copy of such bond may be put in suit in the name of the Governor for the use of the party injured, and shall not become void on the recovery of part of the penalty thereof but may be sued on from time to time by parties injured, until the whole amount of the penalty is recovered, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Jones:

H. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1732, Chapter 1, Title 35, of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to provide that a county judge, before entering on the duties of his office, shall execute a bond of not less than \$1000 nor more than \$10,000, conditioned that he will pay over to the person or officer entitled to receive it all moneys that may come into his hands as county judge, and that he will pay over to his county all moneys illegally paid to him out of county funds, as voluntary payments or otherwise, and that he will not vote or give his consent to pay out county funds except for lawful purposes, and take the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, and the further oath required of the several members of the commissioners court, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Arnold:

H. B. No. 81, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that nine members of the jury in civil cases in district courts may render a verdict, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Baker of Milam, Mr. Stewart of Jasper and Mr. Stewart of Edwards:

H. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act abolishing the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of the State of Texas and the office of each and every member thereof; conferring the authority, power, duties, functions, rights and liabilities of said Commission and the members

thereof upon the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Texas; making available to the Commissioner of Agriculture all appropriations made by the Legislature for said Live Stock Sanitary Commission and the members thereof; conferring upon the Commissioner of Agriculture power to dispense with any of the work of employes where to do so would prevent duplication of work or contribute to efficiency and economy."

Referred to Committee on Live Stock and Stock Raising.

By Mr. Lackey, Mr. Melson and Mr. Teer:

H. B. No. 83, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14 of an act of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 2, 1913, known as Chapter 106 of the Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session, found in the printed laws on page 195, at page 201, so as to authorize the State Insurance Commission to give credit for a good fire record made by any city, town, village or locality, and also authorize the said State Insurance Commission to provide a penalty for a bad fire record made by any city, town, village or locality; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Lackey, Mr. Melson and Mr. Teer:

H. B. No. 84, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14 of an act of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 2, 1913, known as Chapter 105 of the Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session, found in the printed laws page 195, at page 201, so as to authorize the State Insurance Commission to give credit for a good fire record made by any city, town, village or locality, and also to authorize the said State Insurance Commission to provide a penalty for a bad fire record made by any city, town, village or locality; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mrs. Wilmans:

H. B. No. 85, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the issuance of marriage licenses unless such application is accompanied by a certificate from a reputable physician; repealing

all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mrs. Wilmans:

H. B. No. 86, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6285 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1920, and providing for the assistance by the county of any mother unable to properly provide for her children, where the father of such children is either dead, in a State institution, or where she is compelled by divorce to have the entire care and custody of such children without assistance from the father."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mrs. Wilmans:

H. B. No. 87, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2779-A of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, increasing the number of days of compulsory attendance of pupils at school, and raising the age limit of such pupils from fourteen to eighteen years."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Shearer and Mr. Wallace:

H. B. No. 88, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Article 4610, Chapter 1, Title 68, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, and substituting in lieu thereof Articles 4610-B and 4610-C, providing for issuance by clerks of the county court of license to marry; requiring such clerk before issuing such license to demand and receive from the male person, party to such marriage contract, a certificate in writing made by a reputable, licensed and regularly practicing physician of this State, certifying on his honor that such person is not afflicted with any contagious or communicable venereal disease, and prescribing the requisites of such certificates; prohibiting issuance of license to marry when it is shown by such certificate that the examination by the physician of such person was made more than ten days prior to the application for license; providing that the clerk of the county court shall in all cases require satisfactory proof that the person to whom license to marry is the same and identical person who is named in such certificates; requiring clerks of the county court to retain all such certificates as permanent records of their offices; prescribing pen-

alties for violations of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Stewart of Jasper and Mr. Downs:

H. B. No. 89, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the return of pension warrants where the pensioner dies during the quarter for which the warrant was issued, the cancellation of the same, and the issuance of a mortuary warrant to pay the funeral expenses of the deceased pensioner; fixing the amount thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Pope:

H. B. No. 90, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway corporations having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1892, and which have failed or are about to fail, to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Abney:

H. B. No. 91, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 113 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 2, 1913, defining, regulating and controlling fraternal benefit societies so as to provide that where a member of such a society fails to designate a beneficiary or the beneficiary designated is dead or has no insurable interest in the life of the member, the death benefits shall not be forfeited, but shall be paid to the persons named in said section in the order therein named, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Satterwhite, Mr. Bell, Mr. Carpenter of Dallas, Mr. Pope and Mr. Henderson of McLennan:

H. B. No. 92, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 15 of Chapter 81 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved April 3, 1918, creating the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas, as amended by Chapter 34 of the General Laws of

the State of Texas, passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, approved July 25, 1919, and as amended by Chapter 119 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, approved March 31, 1921, extending the term of said commission to the last Saturday in June, 1923, and providing for the appointment of judges for said extended term, providing for the extension of said term of said commission as a board of arbitration and appeals from the last Saturday in June, 1923, until terminated, and providing the manner of termination; providing for the appointment of judges for said extended term, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Winfree:

H. B. No. 93, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriation to pay off that certain note executed by the Prison Commission to Bassett Blakely for the purchase of certain mules, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Melson and Mr. Stroder:

H. B. No. 94, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 1, Title 129, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, and acts amendatory thereof, by adding thereto Articles 1459-A and 1459-B."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Rogers:

H. B. No. 95, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending the workmen's compensation law, as amended by Chapter 103 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Culp and Mr. Dodd:

H. B. No. 96, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7855, Title 135, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to persons competent to make a will, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Stroder and Mr. Howeth:

H. B. No. 97, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the teaching of evolution in any of its phases in the public schools or any of our higher ed-

ucational institutions in the State of Texas, supported in whole or in part by taxation; and prohibiting the members of the State Text Book Commission from adopting or recommending any text book which teaches the theory of evolution, either directly or indirectly, and for other purposes."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Sparkman et al.:

H. B. No. 98, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 17, Chapter 11, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 1355-A, relating to theft of chickens, turkeys, guineas, geese, peafowls and pigeons, so as to fix the punishment therefor at confinement in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Maxwell:

H. B. No. 99, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the compensation of county commissioners in counties containing less than eighteen thousand inhabitants, and constituting a separate judicial district."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Teer:

H. B. No. 100, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the employment of women and minors and establishing a minimum wage commission to investigate and deal with such employment, including the fixing of a minimum wage; providing for the manner of selection and employment of said commission; fixing the membership of said commission and its compensation and duties, and the term of office of its members; providing for the creation of wage boards and fixing the duties thereof; providing for an appropriation therefor, and fixing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Patman:

H. B. No. 101, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Sections 14, 16 and 17 of Chapter 111, Local and Special Laws, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, said act being an act amending Cass county road law passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, 1913; and authorizing Cass county, Texas, or any

political subdivision or defined district thereof, to issue road bonds under the provisions of the general law; validating bond election heretofore held in Road District No. 16, a defined road district in said county, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Patman et al.:

H. B. No. 102, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for revising, digesting, annotating and publishing the civil and criminal laws of the State of Texas, and to require the commissioners appointed to revise the statutes to prepare two bills, one providing a civil and one a criminal code of practice in the courts of this State, and report the same to the Governor, who shall submit the same to the Legislature."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Dodd:

H. B. No. 103, A bill to be entitled "An Act in the interest of maternity and infancy welfare and hygiene; accepting the provisions of an act of the United States Congress approved November 23, 1921, entitled 'An Act for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy and for other purposes,' commonly known as the Sheppard-Towner act; providing that the work shall be carried on through the State Board of Health through its bureau of child hygiene."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Rogers and Mr. Turner:

H. B. No. 104, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the safety of passengers upon interurban and street cars used, propelled and operated by motor power for carrying persons for transportation and to prohibit the operation of all cars for such purpose that do not have proper exits and entrances at both ends of the car, or at either side in the middle of the car; and requiring said street cars and interurban cars to have not less than two employes in charge of same, and declaring penalties, and placing the enforcement of this act under the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Rogers:

H. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for creating and incorporating Webster Independent School District in Harris county, Texas, out of the territory now composing Common School Districts Nos. 19 and 13 of said county; providing that the title of the school property vested in said Common School Districts Nos. 19 and 13 shall vest in said Webster Independent School District, and that said independent school district assume the debts of said Common School Districts Nos. 19 and 13; providing for the board of trustees of said Webster Independent School District; providing the time and manner of their election; defining their powers and duties, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Turner and Mr. Rogers:

H. B. No. 106, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 5 and all sections thereof as passed by the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Purl and Mr. Collins:

H. B. No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 101, General Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, making it an offense for any husband to wilfully, or without justification, desert, neglect or refuse to provide for the support and maintenance of his wife in destitute or necessitous circumstances, or any parent who shall wilfully desert, neglect or refuse to provide for the support and maintenance of his or her child or children under the age of sixteen years in destitute or necessitous circumstances; prescribing the penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Gipson and Mr. McFarlane:

H. B. No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the jurisdiction, supervision, powers and duties of the Railroad Commission of Texas to and over the telegraph and telephone lines lying within the State of Texas, and individuals, corporations, companies and associations engaged in the telegraph and telephone business within the State

of Texas, and to provide for the regulation and control of such telegraph lines and telephone lines within the State of Texas, and individuals, corporations, companies and associations engaged in the telegraph and telephone business within the State of Texas, and repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

Referred to Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

By Mr. Melson, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Henderson of Marion, Mr. Patman and Mr. Winfree:

H. B. No. 109, A bill to be entitled "An Act levying an occupation tax on all individuals, companies, corporations or associations engaged in the business of severing natural resources from the soil or water, except oil, within this State; providing for the collection and disposition of said tax; requiring all the individuals, companies, corporations or associations engaged in such business to file certain statements and reports with the State Comptroller of Public Accounts; fixing a penalty for failure to file said statements and reports, making it the duty of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts to enforce the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Quinn, Mr. Morgan of Liberty, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Baker of Orange, Mr. Baker of Milam, Mr. Carpenter of Dallas, Mr. Gipson and Mr. Rogers:

H. B. No. 110, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish reciprocity between insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Texas and those of other States or foreign countries, imposing on such foreign insurance companies and their agents the same requirements, conditions and the payment of such sums of money, whether as taxes, license fees, fines, penalties or deposits of securities as may be required by the home State of such foreign insurance company or companies of companies organized in this State or the agents thereof, and empowering the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking to refuse or cancel permits of foreign insurance companies where permits of Texas companies would be refused or canceled in such foreign State

or Territory, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolutions, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Davenport:

H. J. R. No. 7, Proposing to amend Section 50, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so that it shall hereafter provide that the Legislature shall have power and authority to create and maintain a State plan of insurance to underwrite industrial accident insurance in Texas.

By Mr. LeSturgeon:

H. J. R. No. 8, Submitting a proposed amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a new section designated as Section 60, giving the Legislature power and authority to publish or print or have published or printed all books furnished to and used by the public schools of Texas; providing that the proclamation shall be issued and the election held upon said amendment and making an appropriation so that said election may be held.

By Mr. Rountree and Mr. Quaid:

H. J. R. No. 9, Making provision for the calling of a constitutional convention to frame a new Constitution for the State of Texas.

#### EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE.

The Speake announced the appointment of the following employees of the House:

Stenographers—Mrs. Mary Davis, Miss Julia Cousins, Mrs. Uncas Johnson, Miss Agnes Shelton, Miss Rubie Robertson, Miss Grace Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Triplett, Miss Laura Aten, Miss O. D. Hughes, Miss Ella Bassist.

Porter—Milton Nobles.

#### COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to notify the Governor that the House and

Senate will receive him in joint session today at 11 o'clock a. m.:

Messrs. Patman, Lewis and Abney.

#### BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Jones, it was ordered that House bill No. 59 be not printed.

#### BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Dodd, House bill No. 50 was withdrawn from the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

#### PROVIDING FOR CLERK TO COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Mr. Satterwhite offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Rules of the House provide that the Committee on Contingent Expenses shall have assigned to it a committee clerk who is a bookkeeper and a stenographer; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint a clerk to be assigned to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, said clerk to be paid a salary of \$6 per day and shall be subject to the rules governing other employes of the House.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### REGARDING ILLNESS OF EX-GOVERNOR CAMPBELL.

Mr. Dodd offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It is generally known to the membership of the House of Representatives that former Governor Thomas Mitchell Campbell is now and has been for some months past under medical treatment in a hospital in Galveston; and

Whereas, The former Governor was for many years the standard bearer of the Democratic party in Texas, ever exemplifying that fighting spirit reflecting the qualifications of a matchless leader; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, in session assembled, That the Speaker be directed to telegraph former Governor Campbell our sincere wishes for his speedy recovery, and to say to him that we are certain that ever-present fight-

ing spirit, for which he is so noted, will finally emerge victorious.

Signed—Dodd, Cable.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### INVITATION TO PADEREWSKI.

Mr. Coffee offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. Ignace Paderewski, the world's greatest pianist, will be in Austin next week; and

Whereas, Mr. Paderewski has attained some renown as a Polish statesman; be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, That he be invited to address the House and render any musical selections that he deems proper.

Signed—Coffee, Wilmans, Hendricks, Mathes, Moore, Irwin, Rogers.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### EMPLOYES OF THE HOUSE.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following employes:

Page to Sergeant-at-Arms — Aaron Cole.

Clerk to Contingent Expense Committee—Miss Lillian Paschal.

#### EXTENDING COURTESIES OF THE HALL.

Mr. McNatt offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The 16th of January, 1923, is the third anniversary of the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment to our Federal Constitution, prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and it is the desire of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League of Texas to celebrate this occasion with a public service, and have expressed a desire to have the privilege of this celebration in the Hall of Representatives: therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby extend to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League of Texas the courtesy of this hall for the evening of January 16, 1923.

Signed—McNatt, Culp, Lewis, Young, Winfree, Potter, Pope, Jones, Quaid, Irwin, Carpenter of Dallas, Rountree, Martin, Satterwhite, Harington, Bell, Moore, Dunn, Shires, Melson, Purl.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE MANUAL.

Mr. Bonham offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 3, Providing for compiling and printing Legislative Manual of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, and printing copies of the Constitution of Texas.

Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring, That there be printed for the use of the House and Senate three hundred and fifty copies of the Texas Legislative Manual of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, which shall contain the Constitution of Texas, the Rules of the Senate, the Rules of the House and the Joint Rules of the Senate and House, all of which shall be properly indexed, with such annotations as are necessary; a list of the standing committees of the two houses, the names of the Senators and Representatives, and their respective districts. It shall also contain the names of the officers of the House and Senate, and of the representatives of the press in attendance.

Two hundred copies to be bound in flexible morocco covers at a cost not to exceed fifty cents per copy above the cost of the same books in flexible cloth, according to the specifications of the contract with the public printer.

Provided further, that the name of each member and officer of the House and Senate be embossed upon the back of one copy of said manual, said copy to be the property of the member or officer whose name is upon said copy. Three-fourths of such copies shall be for the use of the House and one-fourth for the use of the Senate, and they shall be paid for out of the contingent funds of the two houses in said proportion; provided that the public printer shall not be paid for composition but one time.

The said bound volumes to be in the hands of the members of the Legislature within thirty days from the passage of this resolution.

Provided further, that in addition to the two hundred copies to be bound in flexible morocco, as herein provided, there shall be one hundred paper-bound copies printed and turned over to the Secretary of State for the use in the Legislature hereafter, and fifty copies to be delivered to the State Librarian

for exchange with other State libraries; that the members of the press, working as such in the Thirty-eighth Legislature, be provided a copy of said manual by the Secretary of State; and,

Provided further, that there shall be printed ten thousand copies of the Constitution of the State of Texas in paper-bound pamphlet form, and that each member of the House shall be entitled to twenty-five copies for distribution, and that the remainder shall be turned over to the Secretary of State for free distribution to the citizens of Texas, upon application therefor.

Signed—Bonham, Culp, Satterwhite.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### RELATING TO TEXAS STATE RAILROAD.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 6, Relating to the Texas State Railroad.

Whereas, At the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1921, an act was passed by said Legislature and duly approved by the Governor of Texas, creating a board of managers for the Texas State Railroad, prescribing its duties, responsibilities and powers, and in accordance with its terms Lieutenant-Governor Lynch Davidson was made chairman of said board and J. A. Glen and E. C. Durham members of said board, which board was directed by the act to proceed at once to take charge of said Texas State Railroad and to carry out the purpose and provisions of said act; and

Whereas, Said board of managers has heretofore and also at this session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature presented its reports, showing receipts, disbursements, balances and conditions of the said property and their action in regard thereto, and it is desired that said reports may be duly considered, examined and verified by a committee from the Senate and House, which committee shall visit the said Texas State Railroad property, inspect the same and the condition thereof, and make report to this session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate, and the

Speaker of the House shall appoint three members of the House of Representatives, who shall compose a joint committee to visit and carefully inspect the said Texas State Railroad property and the reports made by the board of managers and make their report in writing to this session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature of their visit and findings in regard to such condition and reports from the board of managers.

The necessary traveling expenses of said joint committee shall be paid out of the contingent expense fund of the two houses in the regular way on the presentation of expense accounts duly verified and approved.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR PAT M. NEFF.

(In Joint Session.)

In accordance with the provisions of H. C. R. No. 1, adopted on yesterday, inviting Governor Pat M. Neff to address the Legislature, the Senate, at 11 o'clock a. m., appeared at the bar of the House and, being admitted, were escorted to seats along the aisle, Lieutenant-Governor Davidson being escorted to a seat on the Speaker's stand.

Governor Neff and party, being admitted to the Hall, were also escorted to seats on the Speaker's stand.

Lieutenant-Governor Davidson announced a quorum of the Senate present.

Speaker Seagler announced that a quorum of the House was present.

Lieutenant-Governor Davidson then introduced Governor Neff, who addressed the House.

Senator Woods of Navarro moved that the Senate extend its thanks to the House for its courtesy and to the Governor for his address, and that the Senate now retire to its chamber.

The motion prevailed.

Speaker Seagler on behalf of the members of the House and himself expressed the thanks of the House to the Governor for his address.

#### INVITING REV. CULPEPPER TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE.

Mr. Moore offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Rev. Dr. Burke Culpepper, renowned evangelist of Memphis, Tennessee, is now engaged in a series

of evangelistic services in this city; and

Whereas, The Rev. Dr. Culpepper is a descendant of one of the South's pioneer educators and ministers and the son of a Southern soldier; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Culpepper be invited to address the House of Representatives on Wednesday afternoon, January 17, between the hours of 4 o'clock and 4:30 o'clock on whatever subject he shall select.

Signed—Moore, Dinkle, Beasley.

Mr. Satterwhite offered the following amendment:

Amend the resolution by making the hour 8 o'clock p. m. instead of 4:30 o'clock p. m.

The amendment was adopted.

Question then recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

#### BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 1, "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the general revenue of the State of Texas to pay the contingent expenses of the Regular Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, providing how accounts may be approved, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 2, "An Act to make an appropriation of the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much as may be necessary, payable out of the general revenue not otherwise appropriated to pay the mileage and per diem of members and the salaries and the per diem of the officers and employees of the Thirty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas; providing for the approval of accounts, and declaring an emergency."

#### RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the House, at 12:20 o'clock p. m., took recess to 4 o'clock p. m. today.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 4 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Speaker.

### COMMITTEE TO COUNT VOTE FOR GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to count votes for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor:

Messrs. Beasley, Carter of Coke, Edwards, Russell of Callahan, and Jacks.

### EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following stenographers:

Miss Kathleen Shoults, Mrs. Ida Woods, Miss Rubie Gillespie, Miss Olga Sonberg, Oma Stanley.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, January 12, 1923.  
Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. C. R. No. 2, Relating to an address to both houses of the Legislature by the Hon. Roy A. Haynes.

S. C. R. No. 9, Relating to the cashing of warrants by the Texas Bank and Trust Company.

Respectfully,  
RICHARD BLALOCK,  
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

### RELATING TO CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 9, With reference to the contingent expenses of the Thirty-eighth Legislature.

Whereas, There are no funds available in the general revenue of the State of Texas with which to pay the warrants issued for the purpose of paying the contingent expenses of the Thirty-eighth Legislature; and

Whereas, The Texas Bank and Trust Company of Austin, Texas, has agreed to cash all of said warrants issued to cover the contingent expenses of the Thirty-eighth Legislature by discounting them one-half of one per cent, and has agreed to cash all warrants for the members of the Thirty-eighth Legislature and the employees without discount; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring,

That the officers of the Thirty-eighth Legislature be, and they are hereby authorized to sell the warrants issued to cover the contingent expenses of the Thirty-eighth Legislature to the said Texas Bank and Trust Company by discounting them one-half of one per cent.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 59 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 12, pages 21 and 22 of the laws passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, 1921, by changing the time and terms of holding court in the Sixty-third Judicial District, so that Section 1 of said act shall hereafter read as follows, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

### MOTION TO RE-REFER.

Mr. Stroder moved that House bill No. 97 be withdrawn from the Committee on State Affairs and referred to Committee on Education.

The motion was lost.

### BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Loftin, House bill No. 76 was withdrawn from the Committee on Judicial Districts and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

### TO PRINT GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

On motion of Mr. Coffee, the address by Governor Neff delivered today to joint session of the House and Senate was ordered printed in the Journal.

### RELATING TO PRINTING OF MAPS OF TEXAS.

Mr. Wells offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Many of the members of the Legislature are not familiar with the location and names of the various counties of this State, and are in daily need of such information; be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to have 300 copies of the map of the State of Texas printed on a size

to fit the inside of the desk top of the members' desks, such map to be of a late edition, showing the principal towns and cities as well as the counties of Texas, and that said map be distributed to the members of the House by the Sergeant-at-Arms under the direction of the Speaker.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

#### VOTES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

The joint committee of the House and Senate heretofore appointed to arrange to count the votes for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor and arrange for their inauguration submitted the following report:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 12, 1923.

Hon. Lynch Davidson, President of the Senate, and Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: Your joint committee, appointed to arrange for counting the votes and for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, beg leave to recommend that the House and the Senate meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Monday, the 15th day of January, A. D. 1923, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of counting said votes, and that the House and Senate sit in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1923, at 12 o'clock, noon, at which time the joint committee will escort the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor-elect to the Speaker's stand, and the oath of office will be administered to them by Hon. C. M. Cureton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

WITT,

BURKETT,

DAVIS,

On the part of the Senate.

BEASLEY,

RUSSELL of Callahan,

EDWARDS,

CARTER of Coke,

JACKS,

On the part of the House.

Question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES.

The Speaker announced the appoint-

ment of the following standing Committee on Rules:

Russell of Callahan, Chairman; Potter, Vice-Chairman; Henderson of McLennan, Pate, Satterwhite.

#### TO INVITE GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Rogers offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Hon. Pat M. Neff, Governor of the State of Texas, delivered on the 12th day of January, 1923, an address to the members of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, consisting of the State Senate and the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, The Governor did not have sufficient time to thoroughly explain the main issues now confronting the people of Texas; and

Whereas, The remarks made by our Chief Executive in said address were received by the members of this body with much interest; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the Thirty-eighth Legislature appoint three members of the said House to fix a date for the Governor to again address said body, and that they be instructed to confer with the members of the Senate and have them present at said address.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the House, at 5 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

#### APPENDIX.

##### ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR NEFF.

(Ordered printed in the Journal.)

Governor Neff spoke in part as follows:

"Grateful indeed am I," said Governor Neff, "for the opportunity of meeting at this hour this splendid membership composing the Thirty-eighth Legislature. I wish to assure you in the very beginning that it is my earnest hope that the most cordial and friendly relations shall at all times exist between this law-making body and my office. While the executive and legisla-

tive branches of the Government are separate and distinct, they are necessarily interdependent. Therefore, there should be created and maintained the cordial relation of friendship and co-operation.

"I come to this occasion not as one who would dictate; far from my mind is any such thought. I come at this hour with that fine spirit of friendship and fellowship and comradeship and co-operation that should always characterize those who fight and toil and struggle in behalf of a great cause. We, you and I, are yoke-fellows in the service of the State. I am interested in the work and in the workers of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, and because I am interested in the work and in the workers of this legislative body I am here by my own invitation, and with your permission, to become better acquainted with this splendid type of lawmakers, fresh from the rank and file of the people of Texas. We are here to work in a great cause in behalf of five million people; work out a great program that shall help to make Texas a better place in which to live. I shall not even attempt at this time to make a speech; just talk shop about your work and mine.

"The Constitution of this State requires that I shall counsel with you," said the Governor, "and recommend the passage of such laws as I think will be helpful to the ongoing and upbuilding of Texas. I shall have no one to represent me on the floor of either the House or the Senate. There shall be no administration bills from my office. Anything that I desire to communicate to this law-making body I shall submit in writing or ask the high privilege of doing it in person. If the recommendations that I see fit to make from time to time to this body have not enough merit in them to demand the attention of some law-maker, then that measure has not enough merit in it to be considered by this assembly, and if I should chance to recommend a meritorious matter, then I shall expect every man in the Senate and House, without regard to anything else in this world, to be the champion and defender of the recommendation."

Among other things, in discussing

legislative matters, Governor Neff presented his views in regard to a constructive educational program for Texas. He discussed at length what he conceived to be an adequate school system for the State.

He stated many facts concerning the building of good roads in Texas, declaring that if this State is to continue to receive the benefit of Federal aid, and take advantage of its proper share of the thirty-two million dollars of Federal funds appropriated for that purpose, Texas must arrange to raise money to match Federal aid funds, and must also provide some means for the upkeep of the public roads so constructed. In this connection the Governor declared that the transportation problem was one of the big problems of the day, and that the building of good roads would help to solve it.

The Governor stated that we have no tax laws in Texas, merely a patchwork of legislation. "There are many counties in Texas," said he, "that do not really contribute anything to the support of the Government, these counties getting back from the Government more money than they pay into the public treasury as tax money. There are many counties in Texas of equal value," it was asserted, "that do not pay anything like the same amount of taxes. Not only is our tax law inefficient along this line, but it is conservative to say that half the real wealth of Texas does not contribute anything to the maintenance of the Government. Privileges should be taxed as well as property. The land-owners and the homebuilders of this State," he stated, "have too long been bearing the brunt of government. Taxes should be equalized and reduced."

The Governor, in presenting his views in regard to the conservation of our flood waters and the preservation of the overflow lands, claimed that the water that fell on the upper tributaries and watersheds of our Texas streams should be kept there for the use of that section of the country, and thus prevented from flooding the low lands of South Texas.

It was asserted in the address that Texas, while raising one-fourth of the cotton of the world, had but few cotton

mills; that with the largest local wool market on earth, we have no woolen mills; that we send practically all our raw products to the New England States or across the ocean to be manufactured into the finished products. The Governor presented his views at length, urging the importance of the building of textile manufacturing establishments throughout the State.

The Governor declared that he was unwilling to close his address without declaring himself once more for the enforcement of the laws of the country. He presented his views somewhat fully as to a better respect for and a closer obedience to the laws of the country.

In closing his hour's address he urged that the government of Texas should be economically administered; that the State should set an example for the county and city governments for the practice of economy in the administration of governmental affairs; that the State Government should render at all times a dollar's worth of service for every dollar of the people's money spent.

Governor Neff closed his remarks by inviting all the members of the Senate and the House to visit him at any time, assuring them that he would be glad to see them either on business or on pleasure.

**In Memory**  
**of**  
**Hon. W. D. Crockett**

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Mr. Lusk offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Hon. William D. Crockett, a former distinguished member of the House of Representatives from Washington county in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first Legislature, died at his home in Chappell Hill, Texas, on May 4, 1922; and

Whereas, Mr. Crockett was an outstanding public official and citizen, fearless in the discharge of his public duties and equally fearless in the discharge of the duties of a private citizen; a man whom his people delighted to honor and whose stewardship was acceptable to them and reflected an earnest purpose to be of service to the State of Texas; a man loved by his neighbors, friends and associates, and who was the idol of his home; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of this House extend to his family, individually and collectively, their sympathy in their hour of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to his surviving widow and family, and that a copy be printed on the pages of the Journal, and when the House shall adjourn today it do so in honor of his memory.

LUSK,  
CABLE,  
IRWIN  
BONHAM.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted unanimously.